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[57] ABSTRACT
An antenna adapted for surface deployment is provided. A coaxial feedline, terminated at one end thereof at a feedpoint, has a center conductor and a shield at ground potential. A continuous length of antenna wire having first and second ends is electrically connected at its first end to the center conductor at the feedpoint. A first portion of the continuous length is spooled adjacent the first end. A second portion of the continuous length is deployed from the first portion by means of tension at the second end. The second portion extends to the second end along a substantially straight line away from the first portion. The second portion is typically at least as long as the first portion. The first portion serves as a variable tuning inductor for the antenna as the second portion is deployed therefrom.

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